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TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
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DATE: November 13, 2014

RE: **Draft Resolution to establish a Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)
and allocate community benefits for the New International
Trade Crossing (NITC) to the Impact Area within the Host
Community**

On November 4, 2014, Council Member Castaneda-Lopez requested that LPD revise a draft resolution addressing the above subject. LPD's revised draft resolution is attached for Your Honorable Body's consideration.

If Council has any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, LPD would be pleased to provide further research and analysis and report back regarding same.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) AND
ALLOCATE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CROSSING (NITC) TO THE IMPACT AREA WITHIN THE HOST COMMUNITY**

BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

WHEREAS The proposed New International Trade Crossing (NITC) is a project of major proportions that will have enormous physical and financial impact on its surrounding community, both during construction and after completion; and

WHEREAS The City of Detroit, the State of Michigan, the larger region including the Province of Ontario, Canada, as well as the local community, all stand to benefit from the increased opportunities offered by the construction and operation of the new crossing - yet the local community will disproportionately suffer the attendant adverse consequences of the disruptive construction activities and ongoing operation of the crossing with far greater intensity; and

WHEREAS Early in the planning process for NITC in 2008, residents and neighborhood stakeholders formed the Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition with an elected board to advocate for guaranteed mitigations and quality of life benefits for the City and affected communities of Southwest Detroit, primarily Delray, in exchange for hosting this project; and

WHEREAS In exchange for city-owned land for the project, the Mayor submitted a Neighborhood Development Agreement, and Detroit City Council passed an alternative proposal, both of which contemplate some project-specific community benefits for the local community; and specific requirements with respect to the defined "Community Advisory Group" (CAG), and provisions with respect to reinvestment in the host community of funds from acquired land assets; and

WHEREAS The 301 parcels of City-owned land have been sold and transferred to the Michigan Land Bank to move the NITC project forward, as of September 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS The Host Community means the neighborhoods in which the construction of the international bridge crossing project occurs, including bridge, plaza and direct access to roads, and where residences and businesses are displaced due to the international bridge crossing project or will co-exist in proximity with the completed development; and

WHEREAS The immediate Impact Area is defined to mean that area of Southwest Detroit within the Host Community, bounded by the Detroit River on the South; Clark Street on the East; Christiancy on the North, continuing to Regular/Chatfield/ Pershing and Longworth; to Woodmere Street on the West to Fort Street to the Rouge River; to Detroit River on the South, to Clark Street; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council supports the establishment of the defined Community Advisory Group for the Impact Area and the Host Community in Delray; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the Community Advisory Group (CAG) shall consist of 13-15 members. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Mayor's Office and one (1) member shall be appointed by City Council. The remaining members of the CAG will include area stakeholders selected by the elected body of the Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition Board; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That meetings between the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and the US/Michigan Members of the International Authority shall be as often as mutually agreed, in development and execution of the RFQ/RFP process and implementation of community benefits; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the funds obtained from this land sale shall be used in the Impact Area for demolition of dangerous residential structures, and for critical home repairs and renovations, determined in consultation with the community; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the City shall partner through local contractors such as, but not limited to, Bridging Communities; AND **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the funds from the land sale shall be appropriated as soon as possible, and if possible spent for the purposes set forth in this resolution by June 2015; **BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), and Mayor Mike Duggan.